Exploitation of tribals dependent on jungle products in Andhra Pradesh

1556. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the tribals in the country particularly in Andhra Pradesh mainly depend on jungle products for sustaining their livelihood;

(b) whether it is also a fact that tribals are denied access to jungle products by forest personnel taking shelter of various laws and exploit the tribals particularly the women;

(c) whether Government have conducted any survey in this regard; and

(d) if so, the findings thereof; and

(e) the remedial measures Government propose to take to allow tribals unhindered access to jungle products?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and shall be laid on the Table of the House.

CBI investigation against officers of DDA

†1557. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether CBI is investigating the allegations of corruption against various officers of Delhi Development Authority;

(b) if so, the names of the officers and the posts held by them, at present;

(c) whether Government have removed these officers from service to ensure effective and impartial investigation; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI JAGMOHAN) (a) and (b) The DDA have informed that the Central Bureau of Investigation is investigating the allegations of

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corruption against 11 Group 'A' Officers, 13 Group 'B' Officers, 40 Group 'C' Officers and 14 Group 'D' Officers of DDA. It is premature to disclose their names at this stage as the investigation into the allegations have been not been completed by the CBI.

(c) and (d) To ensure fair and impartial investigations, these officers have either been transferred to non-sensitive posts or have been placed under suspension.

Reference of cases of corrupt DDA officials to CBI

1558. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have referred the cases of corrupt DDA officials involved in illegal constructions to CBI recently;

(b) if so, the names of the high officials who have been alleged in the racket;

(c) whether departmental proceedings were conducted for their alleged involvement;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) by when, the penal action is likely to be taken against them on the basis of CBI's finding?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a): No specific case of corrupt DDA officials has been referred to the CBI.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Plan to make cities as mirror of cultural heritage of India

†1559. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMNT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have prepared a plan to make some cities as a mirror of cultural heritage of India;

(b) if so, the comprehensive details thereof; and

(c) whether India's modern heritage will also find place in it?

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